



January 2007 Issue

Dear District 10 Residents and Friends,

Happy New Year! 2007 is upon us and its hard to believe that two years have passed since I took office. While I was able to accomplish quite a bit in 2006, I am excited by the new changes, challenges and opportunities which I will take on in 2007. Relying on my past experiences as a Councilmember, I am confident that 2007 is going to be a great year for the residents of District 10.

Throughout the past year, while serving as co-chair of the Coyote Valley Task Force, I worked hard to protect District 10 from possible negative impacts. For example, in December a project came to Council which would have led to development in the South Almaden Urban Reserve (SAVUR). I authored a memo which denied the development proposal, and also asked our planning department to conduct a growth assessment of the SAVUR. It is my goal that this information be used so the Council can determine whether new restraints are needed to more effectively protect the environmental resources, open space and our residents' quality of life. I am fully committed to maintaining our high quality of life, despite the changes and concerns of a growing City and region.

As many of you know, changes around City Hall have been just as apparent as those which we've had to deal with in District 10. I am pleased to say that I was the first Councilmember to request a meeting with then Mayor-elect Chuck Reed. Since our initial meeting I have worked with our Mayor, just sworn in this past Tuesday January 9th, to ensure that we maintain the priorities and precedents which have been important to residents within District 10. Mayor Reed's commitment to the needs and desires of this City and its residents are obvious and I look forward to a strong working relationship with our new Mayor and his staff.

One of the most exciting changes occurring at City Hall has been the announcement of new committee assignments. While I look forward to serving on each of the current committee assignments, I am especially pleased to announce that I have been appointed the Chair of Community and Economic Development by Mayor Reed. This committee will manage the growth and change of the City in order to encourage a strong economy while maintaining our healthy neighborhoods. In my opinion this committee will be one of the most exciting and innovative groups that one can be involved with at City Hall. In addition to this committee, I have also been assigned to the following committees including:

- Neighborhood Services & Education
- Community & Economic Development – Chair
- ABAG – Executive Board Alternate
- Civil Service Commission – Liaison
- Disability Advisory Committee – Liaison
- Emergency Preparedness Council – Vice-Chair



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Councilmember Pyle hosted **District 10's 1st Annual Family Holiday Festival on Saturday, December 9th 2006**. Representatives from the **Police Officers Association** and the **United States Marine Corps** were on hand to collect gifts for the Toys for Tots and Family Giving Tree programs. Children and parents enjoyed a number of craft activities including making graham-cracker gingerbread houses, decorative holiday giftbags, dreidel spinning and a variety of other activities including Holiday Storytime and a special visit from Santa Claus.

- Guadalupe/West Valley Flood Control & Watershed Advisory Committee
- Independent Hearing Panel (LEA)
- Parks & Recreation Commission - Liaison
- SJ/SC Clean Water Financing Authority
- Suggestion Awards Commission

While there were many victories and accomplishments made in 2006, I look forward to this year as it presents new goals and challenges. I am confident that with the support of residents like yourself, our strong community and my staff that 2007 will be an even more eventful and spectacular year for District 10.

Best Wishes,



Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten

Legislative Update

- **The San Jose City Council is searching for a new City Manager**

The search for this top management post begins with input from the community. Five meetings will be held throughout the City to give the public an opportunity to share ideas on the profile of the ideal candidate for a City Manager. Please join Mayor Chuck Reed at one of the following public meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 13, 2007	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	San Jose City Hall, Room 118 -120 200 East Santa Clara St. 95113
January 17, 2007	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Almaden Library & Community Center 6445 Camden Ave. 95120
January 18, 2007	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Camden Community Center 3369 Union Ave. 95124

The City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the City, its 19 offices and departments, and a \$3.0 billion budget. This is an important opportunity for residents to influence the City's selection of its new City Manager. Citizens unable to attend the meetings can participate in an online community survey by going to www.sanjoseca.gov. Suggestions can be emailed to emiddleton@alliancerc.com or mailed to 200 East Santa Clara, 2nd Floor Wing, San Jose, CA 95133 c/o Arlene Gibbs. Comments received by January 26, 2007 will be used to help develop the criteria for the selection process.

- **Community Sports Fields**

On December 5th, the City held its annual meeting with sports field users. Approximately 45 individuals were in attendance. Topics discussed included Measure P Bond funds, recap of sports field-related capital improvements and

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*Thinking of ways to get involved in our community?
For more information, please contact the
District 10 office at (408) 535-4910.*

Make Volunteering a New Year's Resolution

Volunteering can be the most gratifying and enjoyable experience people have and it can also be a lot of fun. Whether you have an hour a month, a week or a day, Volunteer San José has something for you. Please visit www.volunteersanjose.org to find an opportunity that fits your schedule. Volunteers are needed in most City Departments and Programs.

Assistance League Update

Kudos to the Assistance League of San Jose which has just finished providing school uniforms for over 2,200 disadvantaged students in the City of San Jose. Their goal is to continue to expand the project as funding becomes available through corporate grants and individual donors.

Upcoming Events include:

- This month volunteers will be launching the award winning puppet show "The Kids on the Block." The aim of this program is to stomp out bullying through an interactive puppet show designed for third graders.
- Members of AL will be conducting a vision screening program called Project S.E.E. at local preschools to detect "lazy eye" that can cause blindness or potential reading problems if left undiagnosed. Volunteers have been trained by the Society to Prevent Blindness located in San Francisco.
- At the end of last year, AL started a new program to help teenagers get their community service hours which are required for graduation. This new program is called Assisteens. They meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. in Almaden. Students from grades 7th through 11th are welcome to join at any time.

For more information about Assistance League, please visit their website at www.alsj.org

overview of the upcoming sports field feasibility study. In addition, the audience was also informed of the City's intent to establish a community advisory task force as part of the study and approximately 10 of the participants expressed interest in serving on the task force. Staff will be making similar presentations to other stakeholder groups during the next two months and will be making regular reports to the Parks & Recreation Commission as well as the appropriate Council Committee as the study proceeds.

- **Storm Preparedness**

The City and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) continue to collaborate on storm preparedness and storm response issues. On November 9, SCVWD hosted its annual wet weather kick-off meeting with local agencies. Alviso continues to be a focus area for the City with numerous improvements and maintenance activities completed in preparation for the wet weather season. Additional storm preparedness training and management meetings for the Public Works and DOT occurred in early December.

- **San Jose Awarded Enterprise Zone**

The State has recently awarded the City designation as an Enterprise Zone. San Jose's previous designation was scheduled to expire at the end of the year. The Enterprise Zone designation will be key in retaining the businesses the City has in place, expanding those into larger players in the market and accelerating investment into new industries, such as biotech, nanotech and green technologies energy.

- **Project Homeless Connect Event**

On December 6, the City in conjunction with the County of Santa Clara and numerous nonprofit agencies and organizations sponsored the third ProjectHomeless Connect event which offered services such as mental health, dental, social services and housing assistance. Some of the highlights included providing 600 lunches, 153 haircuts, & childcare for the children. Additionally, over 29 people were referred to housing.

- **Recycle Plus Update**

On December 14th, the City had an "all-hands" transition meeting with haulers to discuss progress to date. All trucks have now been ordered and each company has negotiated lease or purchase agreements for corporation yards. Also discussed were worker retention requirements, implementation of the Integrated Billing System (IBS), customer service, and community outreach. The next "all-hands" meeting will be January 4th with subsequent meetings set on a two-week cycle. On December 12th California Waste Solutions (CWS) entered into a four-year lease agreement effective January 1st of this year with Berryessa Properties for property located at 1655 Berryessa Road. CWS and City staff are coordinating with the Planning department to determine the schedule for permit and site improvement requirements necessary for a corporation yard and bulky goods operation.

District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events

In less than one week, Downtown Ice bids farewell

If you haven't made it over to Downtown Ice yet, time is running out. With the holiday buzz quieting down, now's the perfect time to skate under the stars – and

City Wide Phone List

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208
Animal Care	578-7297
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4373
Environmental Services	535-8550
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	535-3860
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264

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palm trees. On Jan. 15, Downtown Ice's closing day, American Ice Theatre and their "Dance on Ice" students will debut their hard work with a free performance at the rink. Open until 10 pm Sunday, Monday-Thursday and until midnight Friday and Saturday. For more details about Downtown Ice, visit www.sjdowntown.com or call 279-1775.

San Jose Jazz's 19th annual Sunday Jazz Series



The event that's sure to please music and jazz lovers alike returns. This year's lineup features artists and musical styles as diverse as downtown San Jose. It's no wonder San Jose Jazz chose downtown's very own Improv for its popular Sunday series. Good music, food and venue ensure good times. Every Sunday through April 1st. A premiere lineup of jazz celebrities in the intimate setting of an historic theater. Jan 7th: Catch 22, a sophisticated and unique contemporary guitar ensemble. Jan. 14th: Zaxariades, an electrifying live performer, Zaxariades is generally recognized at the reigning master of bebop vocalizing. 3-6 pm. The Improv, 62 S. Second St. \$15-\$20, 280-7475 or www.sanjosejazz.org

Neighborhood Center

FREE Electronic Waste Recycling

January 20th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Almaden Community Center (6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose).

This program is sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley in partnership with Council District Ten Neighborhood Associations and Councilmember Nancy Pyle. They will be taking all computer and electronic equipment including: Desktops, laptops, PDA's, monitors and televisions, printers, copy and fax machines, computer systems (they erase HD's), mouse and keyboards, stereos, radios and players, VCR's, DVD players, telephones and cell phones, appliances and metal too! For more information please call Gail Osmer at the Volunteer Center (408) 247-1126, or Steve Ramona at EarthCare Recycling (408) 573-8573.

The Office of Keep San José Beautiful recently awarded grants for beautification to the following groups:

- The 24th Street Neighborhood Association
- Groesbeck Neighbors
- Indigo Program at Frost School
- Lake Cunningham Volunteers
- Palm Haven Restoration Committee
- VEP Community Association



Councilmember Pyle stands with Herschel & Bebe Higgins (left) and Don & Phyllis House. Herschel Higgins received a commendation in November for his heroic service to the United States of America during World War II.

Community Calendar January 2007

Thursday, Jan. 4th: 5:00 – 7:00 PM
D10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Monday, Jan. 8th: 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Almaden Valley Community Association
Topic: Almaden Valley Traffic Calming \ Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Tuesday, Jan. 9th: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Pioneer High School Forum: Stadium Lighting on the Football Field
Pioneer High School PAC; 1290 Blossom Hill Road

Wednesday, Jan. 10th: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Wednesday, Jan. 10th: 7:30 -8:30 PM
Montevideo Homeowners' Association Monthly Meeting
Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

Wednesday, Jan. 17th: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
City Manager Recruitment Meeting
Almaden Library and Community Center 6445 Camden Ave 95120

The next cycle of grants will be due in February 2007. For information or an application visit the website at www.sjbeautiful.org or call the Office of Keep San José Beautiful at (408) 723-1574.

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The WCSV has provided wildlife services to the City of San Jose since 2002 and is the only rehabilitation and release facility providing these services in our valley. They continue to operate with only 3.5 staff members, using mainly volunteer services. The funding primarily comes from individual donations, fundraising events and city contracts. In 2005/2006, WCSV cared for a total of 4,833 sick, injured or orphaned animals, 3070 of which were brought in from San Jose citizens which comprises 64% of the total animals. For more information about the WCSV, please visit www.wcsv.org or contact Director of City Relations Marci Hayden at (650) 867-4147.



City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at 200 East Santa Clara Street. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at www.sanjoseca.gov or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

“The happiest people I know are those who have learned to live beyond their own special interests by discovering the rewards that come from giving of themselves.” ~ Winfield C. Dunn

Wednesday, Jan. 17th: 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Action Coalition Monthly Meeting
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church;
1200 Blossom Hill Road

Thursday, Jan. 18th: 5:00 – 7:00 PM
D10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Tuesday, Jan. 23rd: 7:30 -9:00PM
VEP Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
Vista Park Community Room (Hyde Park Dr. & New Compton Drive)

Thursday, Feb. 1st: 5:00 – 7:00 PM
D10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Wednesday, Feb. 7th: 9:45 - 11:00 AM
Almaden Senior Association Monthly Meeting
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave



*City Hall will be closed on Monday January 15th
in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

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